



U9 Academy Spring 2012 Guidelines Season Starts March 24th – May 19th Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

Play Date Weekends/Schedules:

- Saturday March 24, Mar 31, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 12, May 19 (U9 Academy Festival)
- Rain dates will be the Sundays following each of the scheduled dates if possible.
- **NEW this Spring: the first two play dates teams can be randomly formed. For the final 3 play dates and the Festival teams should be formed based on ability.**
- Kentucky Youth Soccer will schedule all matches by early March.
- Clubs are free to organize their own play dates or scrimmages during Non-KYSA scheduled dates. Please email the State DOC at coach@kysoccer.net if you set up your own matches.

Academy Application

- By submitting the application and entry fee, you are committed to participate in the scheduled play dates that you selected on the application and agree to play where you are assigned.
- Indicate the number of teams in each gender in your Academy. We are going to schedule your Academy teams based on the number indicated on the application. (IE. If you have 20 players in your boys academy you could split them into 2 teams of 10). There will be times when your Academy teams are split at different venues based on the number of teams and clubs that can participate on a certain date.
- **NEW this Spring:** If you have multiple teams from your club competing, please indicate what names will be used for each team (IE. United Red, United White) and the ability level of each team so we can try to balance out schedules for the ability group play dates.
- **Mark out dates that you know you are unavailable to play and indicate those on the application. You will be scheduled to play on all other dates. You may play as many or as few dates as you would like.**
- Please indicate dates that you are available to host and number of fields available at your venue.
- **Application Fee-** There is a \$50 administrative fee per gender for the application. If your club has both a boys and girls Academy, then the fee is \$100.

Forfeit Fees and Fines

- Any club that fails to fulfill their play date obligations may be fined up to \$250 for each weekend they forfeit.
- Once you complete the application and agree to participate, you will be scheduled to play on all weekends that you do not block out.
- Once the schedules are completed, you have committed to play on those weekends unless otherwise noted on the application.

Play Date Format

- Boys- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Girls- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Times may vary occasionally depending on conflicts with the host club's field availability. Change in times must be approved by Kentucky Youth Soccer.
- 6V6 games including keepers
- Clubs may use a 10 minute group warm-up which will be led by coaches from the host club. Host clubs may decide alternative warm-up methods.
- (2) 40 minute games with 5 min halftime and 10 min break in between to switch fields.
- Example of Play date Game Day:
 - 2:00 PM- 2:10 PM Group Warm Up
 - 2:20 PM- 3:05 PM Game 1
 - 3:15 PM- 4:00 PM Game 2
- Use a central time keeper to ensure that all games kick off and end at the same time.
- Scramble format for the first two play dates (Mar 24 and Mar 31). This way clubs can move players between games if the games start to get lopsided which is what we want to avoid.

- Clubs may keep their same teams together for an entire play date to avoid logistical problems. However, we encourage clubs to change teams for each play date.
- **For the Apr 14, Apr 28, May 12 and May 19 Festival, teams should be formed based on ability. (A, B, C, D, etc...)**
 - We recommend a Maximum of 8-10 players per match/per team. We want players to play as much as possible so try to avoid having too many subs per team.
 - We encourage clubs to borrow or share players from other clubs to get more players playing the games if one team is short numbers!!
 - 1 referee per field- No Offside- Obvious offside may be called for repeated infractions.
 - Throw-ins to restart play. Players should be given once chance to redo a foul throw-in.
 - Encourage your players to take risks and become creative in their play.
 - Do Not "over coach" from the sidelines. Players must learn to solve problems.

Administration: Host Clubs

- Host clubs will send an email out at least one (1) week prior to each play date to all the clubs participating at their venue starting the dialogue below:
 - Verify how many teams each club will be bringing to the play date?
 - What color each club should wear for the upcoming play date?
 - Decide on a Group warm up or individual team warm up prior to the play date and communicate this with other clubs coming to your play date.
 - Club Academy directors should scramble their teams ahead of time so they are ready to go for the play date. Clubs have the option to keep teams together for an entire play date. However, in game adjustment of teams is certainly ok if you need to balance out a game. For those clubs that have only enough for one team, then you won't have to worry about scrambling your teams.
 - Field locations and directions
 - Referee Fee Collection and payment method
 - Please copy Kentucky Youth Soccer on all correspondence by email to coach@kysoccer.net and davemciver@kysoccer.net

Play date Scheduling

- ***KYSA will schedule which clubs will play against each other that day.***
 - KYSA will schedule clubs according to the # of teams indicated on the application. If the number of teams will change for a specific date (IE spring break) please indicate that on the application.
 - KYSA will schedule which clubs travel to which venue and which teams play against each other at each venue.

Referee Fees

- Each team from your club is responsible for paying \$10 per game for the 2 hour session.
- Host Clubs will coordinate with the other participating clubs to collect referee fees for each play date.
- Fees should be organized and paid to the host club Academy Director or designated representative before the games commence.

Coach/ Academy Director Code of Conduct

- Do Not "over coach" from the sidelines. Players must learn to solve problems.
- Encourage your players to take risks and become creative in their play.
- Remind Parents to cheer and be supportive of their players and not coach from the sideline.
- Scores and standings for these matches should **not** be kept or reported to any media or websites.
- ***If games become lopsided, it is the responsibility of coaches to make necessary adjustments to make games competitive, not continue to run up the score.***
- Academy Directors are responsible for selecting, monitoring, and educating coaches and parents within their clubs.
- Kentucky Youth Soccer will monitor the sportsmanship of all clubs during these play dates and any clubs who fail to meet the expectations listed above may be removed from the U9 Academy Play Dates.



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Entry Fee: \$50 per Gender

Make checks payable to: Kentucky Youth Soccer



CLUB NAME	
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List TEAM NAME(S) and ability level of each team (A, B, C, D)	# of BOYS Teams	# of GIRLS Teams

ACADEMY DIR.	COACH
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
City	City
State	State
Zip Code	Zip Code
HOME PHONE	HOME PHONE
WORK PHONE	WORK PHONE
email	email

TEAM CONTACT	REF ASSIGNOR
ADDRESS	ADDRESS
City	City
State	State
Zip Code	Zip Code
HOME PHONE	HOME PHONE
WORK PHONE	WORK PHONE
email	email

FIELD ASSIGNOR
ADDRESS
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Spring 2012 PLAYDATE WEEKENDS

DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	U9
3/24	3/31	4/14	4/28	5/12	Festival

Please block out dates above(Mark with an X) you are unavailable for play. Please indicate Boys, Girls, or both.

DATES YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HOST (Please Mark with an X)

DATE	# of fields	DATE	# of fields
3/24		5/12	
3/31			
4/14			
4/28			

I have read, understand and agree to follow the Kentucky Youth Soccer U9 Academy Manual and Academy Code of Conduct as indicated on the Academy Guidelines.

Signed _____ Date _____